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Another 5,000 Copies ‘Woodturning with Resin’ set to reprint



by Brandon LaChance

When Keith Lackner's book, “Woodturning with Resin,” was published in April, the Dwight resident thought he might sell 300 copies. Fast forward to November and Lackner received an unexpected phone call. “They called me a month ago and said, ‘We sold the first run of 5,000 copies and we’re going to do a reprint of 5,000 more copies,’” said Lackner, who has been turning wood since his days at Dwight Township High School (Class of

1994). “People call and email me about the book. They’ll call and ask, ‘On Page 47, can you help me with this?’ “It’s cool that people take the time to read the book and ask me questions. I had zero writing experience before this. It was a challenge. I had to do it though. When in my lifetime am I going to get another opportunity to write a book? There are craftsmen who are the absolute best at what they do and some of them don’t have a book.” The supervisor at Vactor Manufacturing in Streator, furniture maker, private woodturning teacher in Kansas City, and everyday woodturner has been floored with the success of his book and how his name is associated with resin. What started as a passion from watching WoodWorks with David Marks on TV, escalated into talking with Marks over the phone, flying out to California to work with him, having his number in the cell phone’s contact list, and Marks asking Lackner if he could write the foreword in “Woodturning with Resin.” Resin, which was not known as a power player in the woodturning world, became

Lackner’s main priority on his second trip to Marks’ home when he met Mike Mahoney, another big name in the woodworking business. Lackner has now helped spread the word of how resin can transform a piece of wood into a work of art. “There is an A and a B. You mix the two together and a chemical reaction happens,” said Lackner, who has done demonstrations and sent books to the United Kingdom, Israel, and Australia as well as all across the United States. “It starts to heat up and it turns from a liquid to a solid. Once it turns to a solid-state, it cannot be reversed. It’s then a solid and you can’t break it back down. You pour it over the wood. You can color it. You turn it and at that point, it’s a structural mass and safe to keep turning. You can turn it and do whatever you want with it.” “A lot of people look at my work and wonder how could I make a living off of this, or they wonder how I can sell pieces for \$2-, \$3-, or \$10-thousand. I sell one of those every three years. To pay the bills and to pay for all of my equipment, I’m a production turner meaning we do platters, bowls, and

salt and pepper mills; anything I can knock out fast. “During Christmas, I do resin snowmen. It’s half resin and half wood. You knock those out and you can make \$5 thousand in a couple of weeks. That’s what pays the bills. When we go to big shows, that’s when I show off the art.” Lackner had been featured in four magazines – three times with a woodturning magazine in the UK and one with Woodcraft Magazine – before he was asked to write a book. He quickly learned it was an entirely different process. He spoke into a Yeti Microphone as it transcribed his words into text and he spent months going back and forth with editors perfecting the book. “I had done magazines before and I teach woodturning with resin all over the country,” Lackner said. “I have this format in my head, but when I was approached to do a book, it really floored me. I was so excited, I called David Marks as soon as they asked. David said, ‘I’m David Marks and I don’t have a book.’ “It was huge for me. I called everyone I knew. My feet didn’t touch the ground for probably a month.”



KEITH LACKNER, a 1994 Dwight Township High School graduate, wrote a book and had it published in April, 2021. With the selling of 5,000 copies, “Woodturning with Resin” is set to reprint 5,000 more copies. Pictured above is his workshop. He is now having the same issue with his feet not touching the ground with the 5,000-copy reprint. Although he didn’t understand why he had to re-edit a book that already sold four-digit copies, he was more than happy to keep his knowledge (continued on page 12)



GARDNER-SOUTH WILMINGTON High School is proud to announce the eight students who received the Illinois State Scholar Award for the Class of 2022. Pictured, from left, are Edith Ochoa, Ambiance Krah, Claire Hennessy, Blake Huston, Alex Clayton, Ethan Mack, Easton Ashley and Ashley Frideres.

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FOR THE RECORD

Tickets Issued by Dwight Police
December 16: Jezabel Talavera Matos, 26, Washington, DC, fail obey stop sign.
December 17: Madison R. Powell, 22, Yorkville, driving 21-25 MPH above limit.
December 21: Tina R. Cullen, 39, Chatsworth, op. mtr. veh./regis./suspended; Isaiah A. Wyatt, 25, Dwight, driving 11-14 MPH above limit; Michael E. Johnson, 21, Dwight, operate uninsured motor vehicle; Joseph D. Tolliver, Jr., 29, Dwight, operate uninsured motor vehicle.

Persons in the police report are innocent of any charges until proven guilty in a court of law.

15 Written Warnings
Only One Headlight – 1; Disobey Stop Sign – 6; No Registration Plate Light – 2; Speeding – 3; Fail to Change Name and Address w/ S.O.S. – 1; Expired Registration – 2.

Dwight Police Blotter
December 15: Dwight Police were dispatched to the 900 block of N. Union for damage to a sign.
December 18: Dwight Police conducted a traffic stop. Summoned/Cited was Tina Cullen, of Chatsworth, for Suspended Registration and she was given a Notice To Appear.
Traffic Stop – 18; Illegally Parked Vehicle – 1; Medical Emergency – 1; Property Retrieval – 1; Check for Stolen Vehicle – 1; Return Call – 7; Citizens Assist – 2; Walk In to DPD – 7; Crisis Intervention – 1; Lock Out – 3; 911 Hang Up – 1; Burglar Alarm – 2; Theft – 1; Medical Aid – 3; Suspicious Subject – 1; Found Dog – 1; Battery – 1; Verbal Domestic – 1; Loose Dog – 1; Miscellaneous – 1; Reckless Driver – 1; Break In Not In Progress – 1; Domestic – 1; Follow Up – 1; Accident/Property Damage – 1; Well Being Check – 1; Break In Unknown When – 1.

Accident Report
Monday, December 20, 1:19 p.m., a single-vehicle accident was reported at Rt. 17 and the Interstate 55 overpass involving a 2008 Mini Cooper, driven by Donald Stewart, Dwight, which jumped a raised median and struck a guard rail during an attempt to retrieve a dropped phone.



Weekly Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS
December 17: Mazon, medical, refusal; I-55, trauma, cancelled; William, medical, St. James; DeWitt, fire, COQ, mutual aid to Coal City.

December 18: Main, medical, Morris; Spencer, medical, Morris; Main, trauma, Morris; Waupansie, medical, Morris; Prairie, medical, refusal, mutual aid to Odell.

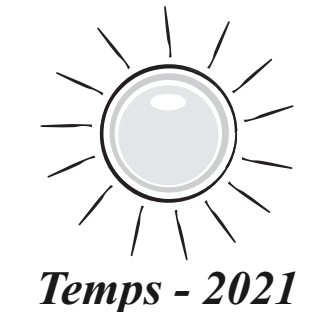
December 19: Julie, trauma, Morris; Pollard, medical; Pollard, medical, Morris; 3300 N., trauma, refusal; 3300 N., trauma, Morris.

December 20: Main, medical, Morris, mutual aid from Gardner; Prairie, medical, BP Check/No Trans.; John, medical, Morris; I-55, trauma, cancelled, mutual aid to Coal City; Mazon, medical, Morris.

December 21: Prairie, medical, Morris; 2600, trauma, St. James; Franklin, medical, St. James; I-55, no pt., mutual aid – Gardner.

December 22: Vermillion, medical, St. James; Mazon, medical, Morris, mutual aid from Coal City; Judd, medical, mutual aid from Coal City; Prairie, medical; 3200 N., medical, refusal; Prospect, trauma, refusal; Prospect, trauma, St. James.

December 23: Mazon, trauma, Morris; Grundy St., trauma, Morris, mutual aid to Gardner.



Temps - 2021
Dec. 17 – high 42°, low 22°
Dec. 18 – high 37°, low 22° .5" precip.
Dec. 19 – high 36°, low 22°
Dec. 20 – high 36°, low 22°
Dec. 21 – high 41°, low 21°
Dec. 22 – high 40°, low 17°
Dec. 23 – high 32°, low 17°
One Year Ago – Dec. 29, 2020
high 50°, low 27°



Dwight Fire Incidents 12/17 - 12/24

Dwight Fire Protection District responded to the following incidents:

December 17: Mutual Aid to Gardner – cancelled en route.

Dwight FPD also responded to 21 medical assists with Dwight EMS.

COVID-19 Booster Clinic at Odell Library January 10

The Odell Library will host Illinois Department of Public Health staff for a COVID-19 Booster Clinic Monday, January 10, from 2:00-6:00 p.m. at 301 E. Richard Street in Odell.

You can stop by the library to scan a code and make an appointment or call them at 815-998-2012 during library hours and they will schedule one for you.

You will need to give them some personal information, including which booster you would like to have and an e-mail address to receive a confirmation.

Give them a call if you have questions and take time to get this additional health protection.

All boosters will be available. The Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine is authorized and recommended for persons 12 years of age and older.

Can't make this event? Find a clinic near you by visiting coronavirus.illinois.gov or call the hotline at 1-833-621-1284.



2011 – LOVE’S TRAVEL STOP & COUNTRY STORE opened in Dwight December 15, 2011 at the intersections of Route 47 and Interstate 55. A Hardee’s restaurant opened days later within the travel stop.

Illinois State Police to Introduce FOID Kiosks

The Illinois State Police (ISP) Firearms Services Bureau (FSB) has announced another option for customers without access to online devices (computers, smart phone or tablet) to apply for and update FOID cards. Customers can now utilize FOID Kiosks at three ISP facilities across the state.

Current locations and hours of service include:

Northern Illinois
Illinois State Police District 5, 16658 Broadway St., Lockport, IL 60441. Regular Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-4:00 p.m.

Central Illinois
Illinois State Police Central Headquarters, 801 S. 7th St., Springfield, IL 62703. Regular Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1:00-4:30 p.m.

Southern Illinois
Illinois State Police District 13, 1391 S. Washington St., Du Quoin, IL 62832. Regular Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1:00-4:30 p.m.

All hours are subject to change.

The FSB Kiosk system is set up to offer **Firearm Owner Identification (FOID) application assistance only.** The following is a list of services

these kiosks provide:

- Assistance with submitting name/address changes, renewals and new applications online.
- Taking a photo and uploading it to the application.
- Assistance with correcting rejected applications.
- A publicly accessible computer will be available to complete online applications and make updates to existing accounts.

Due to the extended time it takes for Kiosk representatives to assist people with submitting applications online, customers may be asked to return at a different time.

Other FOID and Conceal Carry License (CCL) Customer Assistance Options:

- Login Assistance requests including registration approval, existing user ID recovery and password reset assistance should be sent to ISP.ask-FOIDandCCL@illinois.gov. Provide them with as much information about yourself as possible, including your name, date of birth, address, FOID/CCL number, etc. in your e-mail.
- When checking the status of an application, customers should continue visiting the website or using the automated

phone system. Customers can also find the average processing times for new applications on the website and through the phone system. If your application is “under review”, allow additional processing time. For an expanded version of the processing timeframes, visit Firearms Services (illinois.gov). For additional information related to FOID and CCL processing, visit isp.illinois.gov/Foid/Statistics.

For information related to Revoked FOID cards and CCLs and Denied FOID cards and CCL applications, customers should visit the Office of Firearms Safety website at isp.illinois.gov/FirearmsSafety for further information, including required forms and checklists, about the appeal process.

Representatives from the Office of Firearms Safety will NOT be available at the Kiosks to assist customers with their revoked cards and denied applications. Customers will need to contact the Office of Firearms Safety at ISP.askFOIDandCCL@illinois.gov.

Finally, the Firearms Services Bureau has reduced the FOID backlog by 89% for renewals and 75% for new applications since last year.

“This is a continuation of our efforts to streamline the application and renewal process of FOID cards through the Office of Firearms Safety. We are dedicated to stay this course,” stated ISP Director Brendan F. Kelly.

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Max B Sulzberger Financial Advisor 100 W Main St Dwight, IL 60420 815-584-1414 www.edwardjones.com Member SIPC Edward Jones MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING What Are Your Financial Resolutions for 2022? As you know, 2021 was full of challenges. We were still feeling the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic when supply chains shut down and inflation heated up. So, if you're like many people, you might not be sorry to see the year come to a close. But now it's time to look ahead to a brighter 2022. And on a personal level, you may want to set some New Year's resolutions. You might resolve to improve your health and diet, and possibly learn some new skills, but why not make some financial resolutions, too? Here are a few ideas to consider: • Prepare for the unexpected. If you haven't already created an emergency fund, now may be a good time to start. Ideally, you'd like to have three to six months' worth of living expenses in this fund, with the money kept in a low-risk, liquid account. (If you're retired, you may want your emergency fund to contain up to a year's worth of living expenses.) Once you've got this fund established, you may be able to avoid dipping into long-term investments to pay for short-term needs, such as costly home or auto repairs or large medical bills. • Boost your retirement savings. The pandemic caused many us to reevaluate our ability to eventually enjoy the retirement lifestyles we've envisioned. In fact, 33% of those planning to retire soon said they started to contribute even more to their retirement savings during the pandemic, according to a study from Age Wave and Edward Jones. This year, if you can afford it, increase your contributions to your IRA and your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. • Reduce your debt load. The less debt you carry, the more money you'll have available to support your lifestyle today and save and invest for tomorrow. So, this year, resolve to cut down on your existing debts and avoid taking on new ones whenever possible. You can motivate yourself by measuring your progress – at the beginning of 2022, record your total debts and then compare this figure to your debt load at the start of 2023. If the numbers have dropped, you'll know you were making the right moves. • Don't overreact to the headlines. A lot can happen during a year. Consider inflation – it shot up in 2021, but it may well subside in 2022. If you changed your investment strategy last year to accommodate the rise in inflation, would you then have to modify it again when prices fall? And inflation is just one event. What about changes in interest rates? How about new legislation coming out of Washington? And don't forget extreme weather events, such as wildfires and floods. Any or all of these occurrences can affect the financial markets in the short term, but it just doesn't make sense for you to keep changing the way you invest in response to the news of the day. Instead, stick with a strategy that's appropriate for your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon. You may need to adjust this strategy over time, in response to changes in your own life, but don't let your decisions be dictated by external events. These aren't the only financial resolutions you can make – but following them may help you develop positive habits that can help you face the future with confidence. This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor. Edward Jones, Member SIPC

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2021’s Most Festive Cities

Sleigh bells are ringing, snow is glistening, and Mariah Carey is serenading shoppers at every Target and Macy’s – it’s the most wonderful time of the year.

But which of the 200 biggest U.S. cities most resemble a scene out of a Hallmark movie?

2021’s Most Festive Cities, compiled by Lawnstarter.com, showcases cities packed with holiday events, Euro-style Christmas markets, delicious goodies, and other fun things to do and see.

Of course, no winter wonderland is complete without snow, so they also measured the average snowfall in each city to find the most Instagram-worthy backdrops.

See which 10 cities will fill your holiday spirit below:

- 1) New York, NY
- 2) Chicago, IL
- 3) Boston, MA
- 4) Philadelphia, PA
- 5) San Francisco, CA
- 6) Los Angeles, CA
- 7) Jersey City, NJ
- 8) Newark, NJ
- 9) Denver, CO

10) Washington, DC

Highlights and Lowlights:

• **We <3 NY:** There’s a reason the Big Apple is the central character in countless holiday-themed movies: Nobody does the holidays like New York, the No. 1 most festive city. In fact, New York earned more than double the points than silver medalist, Chicago, and swept all but one category.

With so many timeless traditions like the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade and the Times Square Ball Drop, kids from one to 92 indeed will find it hard to sleep in The City That Never Sleeps. So add New York to your holiday bucket list if you want to witness your own miracle on 34th Street this year.

• **Baby, It’s Warm Outside:** Nothing says “winter wonderland” like Jack Frost nipping at your nose, but California cities like Los Angeles (No. 6) and its suburbs will warm your holiday spirit.

You won’t get much, if any, snow in most Golden State

cities in this ranking, but if there’s one thing Californians know how to do well, it’s how to throw a smashing holiday party. California cities – the Los Angeles metro area in particular – occupy nearly every top 10 spot in the Entertaining category.

• **Christmas Markets Come to America:** Christmas markets are more of a tradition across the pond, but they’re catching on here at home. In other words, you might be able to get a taste of this European experience in your own backyard – if you live close enough to one.

Modeled after the Christkindlesmarkt in Nuremberg, Germany, Chicago’s annual Christkindlmarkt, for example, starts mid-November and ends Christmas Eve. Meanwhile, the newer Savannah Christmas Market in Georgia offers a unique southern twist in the Salzburg Christmas Market in Austria. Grab an authentic bratwurst, savor some mulled wine, and be transported to another continent.



Enjoy the Holiday Season at LTLD

Limestone Township Library District (LTLD) wants to make the holiday break season fun.

STEAM Workshop, a part of their Getting Ready for Kindergarten grant program, will be held Wednesday, December 29, at 6:00 p.m. Geared for students entering kindergarten in 2022, this month they are doing engineering experiments with Legos. This program is sponsored by the Community Foundation of Kankakee River Valley.

Join for Family Game Night Thursday, December 30, at 6:00 p.m. The whole family can go for an evening of playing games and having fun. They will pull out their ping-pong table along with their giant Jenga blocks and Cards Against Humanity Family Edition. You can also take hook-

ups for video games.

The library will be closed Friday, December 31, and Saturday, January 1, for the New Year’s holiday. They will reopen Monday, January 3, at 10:00 a.m.

Starting on January 3, they are having a Winter Reading Challenge that runs through February 5. Challenge log-in sheets can be found on the Beanstack app and at the library. They are working their way towards the Danish “quality of coziness and comfortable conviviality that engenders a feeling of contentment or well-being,” otherwise known as hygge (hue-gah).

The Mitten Tree at LTLD is standing tall during the rest of the month of December. It can hold all of your donations of mittens, hats, gloves and scarves. All donations will go

to the Herscher School District for children in need of these warm items.

Every day that the library is open, their first hour is reserved for those community members/patrons with compromised immune systems, and seniors. Their remaining hours are open to all members of the community.

Masks are required for all visitors from the age of two and up while in the library building. Contactless Curbside Service is also available for those who want their check-outs taken to their vehicle. Call the library to schedule your pick-up.

Any questions? Call them at 815-939-1696, e-mail them at info@limestonelibrary.org, or message us at Facebook or Instagram. Visit their website at limestonelibrary.org.

Holiday Safety Tips from LCHD

Holiday traditions are important for families and children. There are several ways to enjoy holiday traditions and protect your health. Because many generations tend to gather to celebrate holidays, it is important that everyone take action to help protect themselves and those most vulnerable amongst family and friends.

- Wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth.
- Limit your close contacts.
- Avoid crowds and poorly ventilated indoor spaces.
- Test to prevent spread to others.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water. Use hand sanitizer if soap and water aren’t

available.

- Stay home if you are ill.

Vaccination continues to be the best way to protect yourself and others. Families are welcome to visit the Livingston County Health Department (310 E. Tarrant Ave. in Pontiac) for their COVID-19 vaccinations.

Through the end of the year, clinic hours are Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. **After the first of the year, LCHD COVID vaccination clinic hours will change to only Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Appointments are strongly encouraged and may be sched-

uled by visiting their website, lchd.us.

Moderna, Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson are all available free of charge to the public for first, second, third, and booster doses, including Pfizer pediatric doses for ages five to 11. All children ages five to 17 must be accompanied by a legal guardian. Adults must have their driver’s license/state ID, as well as their vaccination card for all doses except the first.

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As has been policy since the start of the pandemic, hospitalized patients who have COVID-19 are not permitted to have visitors. Special arrangements may be requested for COVID patients who are 17 or younger; at end of life; or intel-

lectually and/or developmentally disabled or diagnosed with an impairment that affects understanding, judgment, or decision-making.

At this time, patients going for an emergency, outpatient or office visit at any Morris Hospital facility may continue to be accompanied by one support person age 18 or older if needed. This includes patients going to the emergency department, those having an outpatient procedure, test, surgery or therapy session, immediate care and convenient care visits, and physician office visits.

For the full visitor guidelines, go to morrishospital.org/visitors.

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Gas Prices For This Week

Gasoline prices fluctuated over the past few days as fears of an omicron-driven economic slowdown were countered by news of a severe fire at a major oil refinery. Last Thursday, four people were injured when a fire erupted at the Exxon Mobil Corp refinery in Baytown, Texas. The plant is one of the largest refining and petrochemical facilities in the United States. If the damage forces the plant offline for long, the disruption could negatively affect gasoline prices. As a result, the recent steady decline in pump prices has slowed, with the national average for a gallon of gas falling one cent on the week to \$3.29.



City/Village	December 29	December 20
Dwight	\$3.21	\$3.28
Kankakee	\$3.21	\$3.34
Streator	\$3.33	\$3.40
Pontiac	\$3.24	\$3.30
Gardner	\$3.42	\$3.45
Braceville	\$3.01	\$3.16
Morris	\$3.31	\$3.32
Herscher	\$3.43	\$3.45
Chicago	\$3.53	\$3.59
Illinois	\$3.38	\$3.43
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A walk-in clinic for the COVID-19 vaccine is being held in Morris Wednesday, December 29, from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Grundy County Administration Building, 1320 Union Street.

Vaccines available include Moderna, Pfizer, and Johnson & Johnson.

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SENATE AGRICULTURE CHAIR Patrick Joyce (D-Essex), left, receives the Jim Gullinger Legislative Award from the Illinois Leadership Council for Agricultural Education from ILCAE Chair Allyn Buhrow, right, on December 10.

Joyce Accepts Award for Support of Agricultural Education in Illinois Schools

Senate Agriculture Chair Patrick Joyce (D-Essex) received the Jim Gullinger Legislative Award from the Illinois Leadership Council for Agricultural Education December 10, for his support of agricultural education and Future Farmers of America student programs.

"I am humbled to accept this award from the Illinois Leadership Council for Agricultural Education that is strengthening our young agricultural leaders," Joyce said. "Agriculture is one of our state's top industries, and that's why we place a major emphasis on agricultural education in the General Assembly. Agricultural education and programs like FFA have such a positive impact on our young people, and I will always be a supporter of that mission."

Since 1987, the Jim Gullinger Legislative Award has been presented to legisla-

tors who advocate for and have been publicly supportive of Illinois agricultural education. According to ILCAE, these legislators understand the importance of the agricultural industry that makes up about a quarter of Illinois' jobs. They also know the importance of today's youth understanding the ever-evolving and expanding agricultural industry with the knowledge gained through a current and progressive agricultural education.

The award is named in honor of the late Jim Gullinger, a nationally recognized agricultural education leader and former secretary of the McDonough County Farm Bureau. Gullinger spent 56 years of his life dedicated to agricultural education, constantly seeking out innovative and cutting-edge technology and curriculum for the betterment of his students.



KANKAKEE COUNTY FARM BUREAU President Greg St. Aubin, left, is shown holding the esteemed Liberty Bell award – received for top governmental affairs work, while Illinois Farm Bureau President Rich Guebert holds the County Farm Bureau's awards plaque – showcasing the additional honors received at this year's Illinois Farm Bureau annual meeting. These awards were presented during the Illinois Farm Bureau Annual Meeting and call attention to the comprehensive nature of Kankakee County Farm Bureau programs.

Kankakee County Farm Bureau Receives High Honors at IFB Annual Meeting

The Kankakee County Farm Bureau was recognized for its achievement during the 107th annual meeting of the Illinois Farm Bureau, held in Chicago December 4-7.

As part of its Annual Meeting, Illinois Farm Bureau presents awards in recognition of outstanding County Farm Bureau volunteer efforts throughout the year.

During the 2021 awards ceremony, Kankakee County Farm Bureau received the prestigious Liberty Bell award for being the top County Farm Bureau for Governmental Affairs work in their membership group. The Liberty Bell award is a result of the County Farm Bureau's engagement in many local issues important to their agriculture community.

Protecting the rights of

farmers and landowners and maintaining a strong legislative voice for their agriculture community remain high priorities for the Kankakee County Farm Bureau. Kankakee County Farm Bureau has been carrying out this important work for over 100 years and with your support, the organization will continue doing so.

Kankakee County Farm Bureau also received "County Awards of Excellence" in the categories of Advocacy and Local Affairs. Additional recognition was given to the County Farm Bureau for achieving their farmer membership quota in 2021. The Kankakee County Farm Bureau has met their farmer membership quota every year since 2012.

Seats Up For Grabs

DEA Board has three positions for election at next meeting

by Brandon LaChance

The Dwight Economic Alliance Board is accepting applications to elect new members during the next meeting on January 18.

There will be three positions on the docket as Rodney Connor is stepping down as DEA president and John Salzer and Gibbs Nielsen will be running for reelection.

"The board helps organize all of our functions. Certain board members will run any specific project at any time," said Katie Folkers, 39, who serves as the DEA coordinator. "Deb Karch is the director of the DEA and she oversees everything in general. Bob Ohlendorf, he runs the volunteer system at the Texaco station.

"Each board member has their own responsibilities and their own niche that they fill. In order to bring in new ideas and more awareness to Dwight, we have to have more events and more things to promote."



Applications can be picked up at the DEA Office, 132 E Main St., Dwight, IL 60420. If you can't make it in, call (815) 584-1830, or send an email to DwightEStaff@gmail.com. Applications need to be submitted by Jan. 14.

The DEA was formed to help boost the economy in Dwight by aiding restaurants and all small businesses with events, marketing and showcasing services or items to be purchased.

One of the biggest events is Dwight Christmas, which was held on Dec. 4, but there are many others including the DEA Gala scheduled for Feb.

"The organization has a bunch of events that happen

every year. We have our Christmas event downtown so local businesses can get people from out of town into their business," Folkers said. "It's a way of bringing awareness to all our businesses and what we have downtown."

There are no requirements to be on the DEA Board.

You don't have to be a certain age.

You don't have to have lived in Dwight a certain number of years.

The DEA is looking for people who can assist by coming up with ideas that are new, fresh, and will cast sunshine on Dwight.

"You just have to have a love for a small town," Folkers

said. "You have to want to make it grow. You have to want to make it succeed. You have to want to help the small business owners, especially after Covid-19 and a time like this."

"Small businesses are hurting. We have to want to keep them around. If we don't keep them around, what is going to happen? Our downtown is so pretty. It's beautiful. We want to keep it thriving. We want to keep it around so it's not an empty shell. I've lived here my whole life. I have a lot of memories here. I don't want to see it go to waste."

The DEA consists of a president and nine board members, which currently includes Salzer, Nielsen, Sherrie Rhodes, Kevin McNamara, Bob Ohlendorf, Shayla Smith, Max Sulzberger, Bill Flott, and Deb Karch.

Brandon LaChance is a journalist with The Paper. He can be reached at (815) 876-7941, blachance20@gmail.com, or on Twitter @LaChanceWriter.

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OBITUARY

Ida R. Haacke

DWIGHT – Ida R. Haacke, 89, of Dwight, Illinois passed away at 5:43 p.m., Wednesday, December 22, 2021 at Heritage Health-care and Rehab in Dwight, Illinois. Funeral services were private for the family.



Visitation was held from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Hager Memorial Home in Dwight, Illinois on Tuesday, December 28, 2021.

Graveside services in Good-farm Cemetery, rural Dwight, followed the services.

Serving as pallbearers were grandsons, Anthony Haacke, Scott Haacke, Eric Haacke, Lucas Tousignant, Alex Haacke, Austin Haacke, and Mitchell Tousignant.

Hager Memorial Home is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials in Ida’s name may be left to the United Methodist Church of Dwight or a charity of the donor’s choice.

Ida was born January 10, 1932 in Chicago, Illinois, a daughter of George and Ora (Hansen) Stutsman. She married Donald R. Haacke on May

27, 1950 in the Zion Evangelical Church, Dwight. Sadly, he passed away November 8, 2015.

She is survived by her children: Richard (Marylou Weyrich) Haacke of St. Louis, Missouri; Ronald (Carla) Haacke of Clintonville, Wisconsin; Linda Tousignant, Randall Haacke, and Roger (Renee) Haacke, all of Dwight.

Thirteen grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren also survive.

Ida and Don made their home in Dwight on a Scully farm in 1951. She was a member of the United Methodist Church of Dwight and a member of the United Methodist Women.

She graduated from Newark High School in 1949 and was a cashier at Clapp’s Supermarket for many years. She enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

Ida will be fondly remembered and sadly missed.

This obituary may be viewed and guestbook signed at www.calvertmemorial.com

Bennett Announces Re-Election to Illinois House District 106

On December 20, State Representative Dr. Tom Bennett announced his re-election campaign to the 106th District in the Illinois General Assembly.

“I’m proud to work on issues important to this region, including improving roads and infrastructure, increased funding for K-12 schools, economic development, and supporting public safety,” Bennett said. Rep. Bennett’s work on the bipartisan energy bill saved thousands of jobs at nuclear power plants in the state, allowing families to stay in Illinois.



Rep. Bennett serves as a strong advocate for the needs of rural communities. He has received the “Friend of Agriculture” award, as well as recognition for his work to establish the East Central Illinois Flood Alliance, an organization of communities in his district aimed at flood resilience. “It’s an honor to be a voice for rural and blue-collar communities,” Bennett said. “I will continue to create opportunities within our region to help families prosper in Illinois.”

After the redistricting process, the 106th District will shift northward, reaching the I-80 corridor. Rep. Bennett’s passion for connecting with residents of his district has already led him to meet area leaders, families, and job creators in the new part of the dis-

trict and learn their challenges.

In Springfield, Representative Tom Bennett serves as Assistant Minority Leader, in addition to key roles on education and public safety-related committees. Tom worked as a high school science teacher at Melvin Sibley and an IT manager at State Farm. He earned a BS in Education, BS in Applied Computer Science, an MBA and a Doctorate of Business Administration. He and his wife, Kathleen, have two children and five grandchildren.

The 106th Illinois House District contains all or part of Ford, Grundy, Iroquois, LaSalle, Livingston, and McLean Counties. For more information about Rep. Bennett, visit: TomBennettIllinois.com.

Family members of the deceased, please instruct the Funeral Home to send information to:

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Dwight Economic Alliance

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It is almost the end of 2021 and what a roller-coaster of a year it’s been. Since Covid rolled onto the scene it’s completely warped my sense of time. Weeks feel like days and years feel like decades. It’s all very disorienting.

On a positive note, the CDC is changing the guidelines for positive test quarantining from 10 to 5 days, citing that it seems people are clearing the Omicron variant quicker than past ones. This was probably in part to some pressure put on them from the airlines. (The latter thought is conspiratorial in nature.)

With the new year comes the very fun and sometimes inspirational, New Year resolutions. I’m on record saying I’m not that big a fan of the New Year resolutions because they can be started any time of the year. However, I understand that they represent a clean slate and a chance to start something new.

A quick Google search showed me that the top resolutions revolve around health. This can be some form of exercising more, eating health, losing weight, you name it, That seems to be the number one goal for most as they enter the calendar year.

This makes sense. There are countless studies that show your health and overall well being contribute to a better quality of life.

My somewhat lofty New Year’s resolution is to read 26 books. After some light research, it looks like you can read a 300 page book in about 8 hours or so, which while a fairly blistering pace, should be doable.

I also want to be on my phone less in the coming year and I think this will be a good way to make that happen and hopefully learn some things along the way!

I will give periodic updates as I attempt to make this happen. Best of luck to anyone else going after a New Year goal!

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BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation, Plaintiff,

vs.

JAY D. BERRYHILL, MIDLAND FUNDING, LLC, a California Corporation, and unknown owners and non-record claimants, Defendants.

No. 21-CH-37 NOTICE

Notice is given you Defendants, unknown owners and non record claimants, that this action has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Livingston County, Illinois, praying that a Judgment of Foreclosure be entered against real estate described as follows:

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PIN: 15-22-217-002

Commonly known as: 810 N. Mill St., Pontiac, IL 61764.

The title holder of record to the above described real estate is JAY D. BERRYHILL. The mortgages sought to be foreclosed are a mortgage executed on November 10, 2010 and recorded on November 15, 2010 at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois as document No. 605511, a modification of mortgage executed on December 3, 2013 and recorded on December 3, 2013 at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois, as document No. 626593, and a modification of mortgage executed on December 13, 2019 and recorded on December 23, 2019 at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois, as document No. 2019R-05039. The cause of action initiated by the Plaintiff, BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation, against the Defendants in Case No. 21-CH-37 is currently pending. The attorney for the Plaintiff is Donald R. McClarey, McClarey Law Firm, 313 S. Prairie Ave., P.O. Box 9, Dwight, IL 60420-0009.

Consequently, unless you, unknown owners and non record claimants, file your answer to the complaint in this action or otherwise enter your appearance in the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Livingston County, Illinois, held in the Law & Justice Center in the City of Pontiac, Illinois, on or before January 31, 2022, a default may be entered against you at any time after that date and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of the Complaint.

Dated this 16th day of December, 2021.

LeAnn Dixon, Circuit Clerk
Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Livingston County, Illinois

Tom Vagasky Officially Announces Livingston County Sheriff Candidacy

On December 20, Tom Vagasky officially announced his candidacy for nomination for Sheriff of Livingston County. He will be on the Republican ballot in the primary on June 28, 2022.

Vagasky recently retired from the Illinois State Police after 18 years of service, proceeded by eight years’ service in the Department of Corrections. His last position at ISP was managing narcotics investigations for 13 counties.

In announcing his candidacy, Vagasky said “My aim is to bring back accountability, transparency, and integrity to the office. There are a lot of good officers in the Sheriff’s department, but the lack of leadership at the top has caused poor development, and that has to end.”

Vagasky has announced his campaign will be chaired by Al Lindsey. In making this selection Vagasky said: “Al not only retired as a well-respected member of the Illinois State Police, but after retiring served as the Chief of the Pontiac Police Department, and later as interim Sheriff of Livingston County.”

Lindsey said of his support for Vagasky, “Having spent my entire career in law enforcement and experiencing the issues facing the local



departments, Tom is the ideal candidate to rebuild cooperation between all agencies. His work in narcotics investigations is something that will greatly benefit all the citizens of Livingston County.”

Vagasky went on to say: “I can assure the taxpayers that I will not be a part of contracts that are not reviewed by the State’s Attorney, or will I withhold bills from the County Board for months that recently created over \$350,000 in costs that were in excess of the Department’s budget.”

Vagasky concluded by saying: “If anyone has questions or concerns, e-mail me at Vagasky4Sheriff@gmail.com and make sure to stay current with our efforts on Facebook at [Vagasky4Sheriff](https://www.facebook.com/Vagasky4Sheriff).”

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Dwight 6th Grade - Odell Tournament

Dwight's sixth grade boys fell to Ottawa Marquette, 21-6.

Leading the Redbirds in scoring were Evan Olson (13 rebounds) and Kayden Wood (4 rebounds) with two points each. Jude Hurt and Walter Bradley each added one free throw.

In the battle for third place, Dwight came out on fire – prevailing, 35-5.

The Redbirds were led by Evan Olson with 17 points, 13 boards. Kaden Wood contributed nine points and eight rebounds, while Jude Hurt had three points and two boards. Walter Bradley (4 rebounds), Axel Kargle, and Alex Ortiz (4 rebounds) all scored two points.

“We played the best game of our season,” said Coach Gettinger, “and brought home some serious hardware.”



DWIGHT COMMON SCHOOL 6th Grade Redbirds Boys Basketball team battled for third place in the Odell Tournament and came home with the hardware.



Happy NEW YEAR

New Year's Eve Celebration in Pontiac December 31

A New Year's Eve celebration is slated for Friday, December 31, at The Eagle Performing Arts and Conference Center, 319 N. Plum St., Pontiac.

For the most up-to-date information, visit Downtown PontiacIL.com. You can also visit Pontiac.org or call 815-844-5847.

Once-a-Month League Bowlers Have Some Christmas Fun

Once A Month League Bowlers	League Standings	W	L
HSG: Ron Dube, 238; Nick Page, 214; Eric Knobbe, 207 – Jackie Froelich, 178; Lauren Arnold, 163; Lori Stevens, 162.	Living On/Prayer	12	0
HSS: Terry Wilkey, 592; Ron Dube, 565; Nick Page, 543 – Jackie Froelich, 480; Lori Stevens, 427; Sarah Knobbe, 419. HSG/HHG: Living On a Prayer, 653. HSS/HHS: Living On a Prayer, 1880.	Coyne's Team	10	2
	Kamikazee	8	4
	Sunday Funday	8	4
	Calls & Kiou	8	4
	Future Tree Serv.	8	4
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	Lickety Splits	4	8
	Aly Anne's	3	9
	Sandeno-Meister	1	11
	Pauly's People	1	11
	Chad's Team	1	11



A WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE, an ugly Christmas Sweater contest, and bowling took place Sunday night at Victory Lanes in Dwight for the Once-a-Month Social league. Sweater finalists are, l to r: Terry Wilkey, Kevin Webb and Willie Stits. A good time was enjoyed by everyone.



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Beginning after the first of the year, Livingston County Health Department COVID vaccination clinic hours will change to only Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Appointments are strongly encouraged and may be scheduled by visiting their website, lchd.us.

Pfizer boosters are now approved for ages 16-17.

Families are welcome to visit the LCHD, 310 E. Torrance Ave. in Pontiac, for their COVID-19 vaccinations. Moderna, Pfizer, and Johnson & Johnson are all available free of charge to the public for first, second, third, and booster doses, including Pfizer pediatric doses for ages five to 11. All children ages five to 17 must be accompanied by a legal guardian. Adults must have their driver's license/state ID, as well as their vaccination card, for all doses except the first.

Masks must be worn when interacting with LCHD staff. For those with limited mobility, your vaccination may be taken to your vehicle.

Area COVID-19 Stats as of December 27

	Total Tests Performed	Cases	
Town			
Dwight	20,268	861	
Gardner	4,531	377	
Herscher	5,024	371	
Odell	4,660	284	
Mazon	3,253	271	
Braceville	3,348	252	
Essex	2,145	199	
S. Wilmington	1,733	135	
Saunemin	2,149	107	
Cullom	2,519	104	
Verona	1,377	102	
Reddick	1,630	96	
Cabery	1,547	91	
Ransom	1,422	85	
Buckingham	1,232	81	
Emington	929	70	
Kempton	1,290	66	
Blackstone	919	49	
Kinsman	966	34	
Campus	657	23	
Union Hill	221	14	
County	Tested	Cases	Deaths
Kankakee	388,642	21,495	287
LaSalle	370,799	18,215	308
Grundy	122,115	9,298	97
Livingston	189,434	7,089	114
Iroquois	87,784	5,231	89
Ford	55,143	2,958	59

Illinois - Confirmed Cases: 2,021,302; **Deaths:** 27,435; **Probable Deaths:** 3,131; **Total Tests Performed:** 43,209,451.

Probable cases are individuals who have been tested and are found to have a positive test result by a local clinic using "rapid" tests that are not, at this time, IDPH-approved tests.

A Word from Senator Patrick Joyce

We can easily lose sight of it. But often, the greatest gift we receive is the opportunity to give back.

I was fortunate to grow up in a family that has always put public service first. When my parents served in the Illinois Senate, they knew their role was to help others get ahead or get back on their feet. I have tried to follow in their footsteps as the Senator for the 40th District these past two years.

We are experiencing a historic COVID-19 pandemic that just will not quit. People are exhausted, physically and mentally. Businesses and families are struggling. This is yet again a holiday season where it would be easy to think of what we are missing out on, and to be depressed and angry about it.

But with these challenges come the opportunity to make a difference. My team and I are working every day to help turn people's pain into hope for better days to come.

We put together this list of resources for this month's column as one more way to give the gift of giving. If you or someone you know is hurting, please take advantage of this state and local aid:

- Income-eligible renters could receive up to \$25,000 in assistance from the Illinois Housing Development Authority's Illinois Rental Payment Program. Learn more at: <https://www.illinoishousinghelp.org/>.
- The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity has millions of dollars available to help prevent people from having their utilities, water or sewer service shut off. Visit DCEO's website at: <https://www2.illinois.gov/dceo/Pages/default.aspx>, and search for Help Illinois Families to access the resources page.
- Child care is vital to ensure working parents can support their families. Illinois is leading the country with more than \$1 billion in relief provided during the pandemic to keep their doors open so they can support working families. Learn more at: <https://www.inccrra.org/>.
- Employers across the state are looking for trained, capable and dependable workers. A career in the trades can be very re-



warding. Unions like IBEW Local 9 will be opening applications for their apprenticeship programs in January: <https://www.ibew9edu.org/>.

- Our Illinois leadership has worked tirelessly to stay on top of our response to the pandemic. If you need to know where to get a vaccine or test, or how else you can do your part to bring this disease to an end as quickly as possible, visit our robust COVID-19 website: <https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/>.
- If you need help understanding your unemployment benefits, visit: <https://www.illinois.gov/services/service.certify-unemployment-benefits.html>.

I am preparing to head to Springfield in early January for the start of our 2022 legislative session. I look forward to sharing with you soon more about my priorities for the session, and to hearing from you on what we can pursue to help our district and our state.

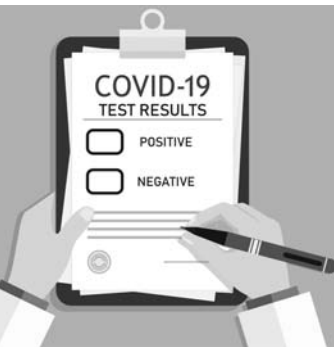
As we head into 2022, I wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. I urge you to contact me anytime I can help: 708-756-0882, or at <http://www.senatorpatrickjoyce.com/>. I will continue to share the latest news on my website and on my Facebook page: facebook.com/senPatrickjoyce40/.

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40th State Senate District

Asymptomatic Testing Paused at OSF

With the rise of COVID-19 infections, primarily among the unvaccinated, OSF HealthCare is asking members of communities it serves to refrain from going to their facilities for asymptomatic and close contact testing.

"Right now, all across the nation, we're seeing a huge surge in COVID-19 cases," said Chief Operating Officer Michael Cruz, MD, FACEP. "We are equipped to handle COVID testing for patients who are sick, injured or who are preparing for a procedure, but our patient volume is currently so great that we need the



public's cooperation to ensure proper usage of our health care resources."

Dr. Cruz noted a variety of options exist for people who seek to travel, return to work or otherwise need to be tested, in-

cluding community testing sites, at-home kits and retail pharmacy locations. He stressed that emergency departments at hospitals should be reserved for true medical emergencies and not used as a means to achieve a COVID-19 test result by asymptomatic persons.

OSF Care Station, OSF PromptCare and OSF OnCall Urgent Care locations will continue to serve the needs of persons experiencing symptoms associated with COVID-19. To learn more or schedule a test online, visit: osfhealthcare.org

ISP Announces Changes to FOID, CCL Acts

The Illinois State Police (ISP) Firearms Services Bureau (FSB) has announced several changes to the Firearm Owner Identification (FOID) Card program based on statutory changes to the FOID Act, effective January 1, 2022.

- New Cards As FOID cards are replaced, new cards will be printed without expiration dates. Whenever a new FOID card is issued, if the cardholder has a valid Conceal Carry License (CCL), the cardholder will be issued a combined FOID and CCL card.
- When a FOID card is suspended and the cardholder has a CCL, the CCL will be sus-

pended until the FOID card is reinstated. Upon reinstatement of the FOID card, if eligible, the CCL will be reinstated as well.

- When a CCL is suspended or revoked but the person is still eligible to possess a FOID card, they will retain the issued combined card, but it will not show a valid CCL in the Law Enforcement Automated Date System (LEADS).
- Auto Renewal - When a FOID card expires during the term of a CCL, the FOID card will be automatically renewed without paying a renewal fee and the licensee will be sent a new combined FOID card and

CCL. As described above, these combined cards will not have an issuance or expiration date printed on the face of the card and will serve as both the cardholder's FOID and CCL.

"The Illinois State Police Firearms Services Bureau is working diligently to ensure the statutory changes to the FOID Act will benefit the people of Illinois," said ISP Director Brendan F. Kelly. "We are pleased by the fact that this will decrease duplicity within the FOID and CCL program, which will in turn save time and money for both applicants and taxpayers," he concluded.

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If you're celebrating and drinking this holiday season, always remember to plan ahead with a sober driver to take you home. If you're the designated driver, it's important to take the role seriously and don't consume alcohol. Here are some more safety tips:

Never drink and drive.

Don't let someone get behind the wheel if that person has been drinking. If you're hosting a gathering, make sure everyone has a sober ride home. Always wear your seat belt. It's your best defense against impaired drivers. Call 911 if you see a drunk driver.

Be Responsible

Since the public health emergency began, we've seen drivers making riskier decisions when they're behind the wheel. As the year comes to a close and a new one begins, make it a point to drive safely — and drive sober — every day.

Drunk Driving Is Deadly

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of the craft floating to the next person excited about turning wood.

“Woodturners are the best people out there. We don’t have secrets,” said Lackner. “We want to give all of our knowledge out to people. I’m glad the book is doing so well because there are so many people that I’ve influenced. They bought the book and they’re going to pick up this hobby and do their own thing with it.

“The reprint of this book means there are more people out there who are getting into it. Hopefully, the person who buys the book learns a lot and then passes the knowledge onto someone else. Many, many, many moons from now when I’m gone, the book is going to live on and my work is going to live on. I didn’t want the book to sell 100 copies and just die. It’s doing well and it’s passing on woodturning.”

With all of his woodturning endeavors and locations taking time, Lackner and his wife Jes-

LACKNER CREATES big pieces of art, conventional pieces such as bowls and platters, and Christmas gift ideas.



sica Lackner (official as of Sept. 4, 2021) have not had time to take a vacation.

Or a honeymoon.
The success of the book will make their planned getaway in

February gratifying.
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JERRY CURTIS, of Livingston Masonic Lodge #371, presents a \$770.00 donation to the Dwight Common School Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) Program December 17. Gary Beier, Dwight schools resource officer, accepts the check. This is the 17th year that Livingston Masonic Lodge has sponsored the program. In the photo, pictured, front row, from left, are Collin Bachand, Jerry Curtis, Gary Beier, Sophie Bastian; back row, Blake Thetard, Ty Frobish, Addi Perez, Lauren Snyder, Anson Lucas, and Avery Connor.



A BACKWARDS PARADE, sponsored by Dwight ACE Hardware, was held in Dwight December 12, with Paul and Jenny Johnson taking first place; Adra Nowicki taking second; and Dustin Campbell and Damiona Greb coming in third. The Commercial Winner was Dwight Veterinary Clinic.

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